



## **Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget**

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**2 VAC 5-90 – Control and Eradication of Pullorum Disease and Fowl Typhoid in Poultry Flocks and Hatcheries and Products Thereof in Virginia**  
**Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**  
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### **Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation**

The Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Board) proposes to amend its regulation for pullorum disease and fowl typhoid control and eradication to update references to the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) National Poultry Improvement Plan.

### **Result of Analysis**

The benefits likely exceed the costs for this proposed change.

### **Estimated Economic Impact**

Since this regulation was last amended, the USDA changed the name of its *National Poultry Improvement Plan* to *National Poultry Improvement Plan for Breeding Poultry*. The Board proposes to update references to this program so that the regulation for Control and Eradication of Pullorum Disease and Fowl Typhoid in Poultry Flocks and Hatcheries and Products Thereof in Virginia reflects this change. Regulated entities will likely not incur any costs on account of this proposed regulatory change. To the extent that any individual may have been confused by the difference in name for the USDA program (between Virginia and federal regulations), this proposed regulation provides the benefit of added clarity.

### **Businesses and Entities Affected**

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services reports that there are currently 51 egg hatcheries and owners of independent fowl flocks who participate in the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

## **Localities Particularly Affected**

No locality will be particularly affected by this proposed regulatory action.

## **Projected Impact on Employment**

This regulatory action will likely have no impact on employment in the Commonwealth.

## **Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property**

This regulatory action will likely have no affect on the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

## **Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects**

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

## **Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact**

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

## **Real Estate Development Costs**

This regulatory action will likely have no affect on real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

## **Legal Mandate**

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other

administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.